

Amendment to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A series of transport carts in combination with a transport vehicle, said transport vehicle comprising:

side walls, a floor, and an openable rear;

said series of transport carts being positioned on motive supports in side by side relation in fore to aft extending laterally spaced rows within said transport vehicle; each of said carts comprising:

side closures, a rear side, and an open front side facing laterally toward a like cart in an opposite row;

said carts also having upwardly projecting rear side lock members with first lock fittings;

said transportation vehicle having longitudinally spaced track sections mounted fixedly on said transportation side walls in spaced relation to receive and capture said lock members on said carts; and

said carts having second lock fittings associated with said track sections for disengageably interfitting with said first fittings.

2. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said lock members comprise upwardly projecting rear post portions, and said first fittings comprise sockets for vertically receiving locking pins incorporated with said track section lock fittings.

3. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said track sections comprise fore to aft extending track parts open at their ends and bottoms to provide inverted capture

channels spaced longitudinally along said transportation vehicle side walls for capturing said upwardly extending cart lock members within said track sections.

4. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said cart rear sides have rear posts and said lock members comprise upwardly projecting portions of said rear posts which extend above said rear wall, and said track parts are longitudinally spaced along the side walls of said transportation vehicle at intervals to receive said post portions, and comprise a vertical plate portion for attachment to the wall of the transportation vehicle, a mid-portion extending therefrom over said post portions, and a laterally extending portion overlying said post portions.
5. (Original) The combination of claim 4 wherein said laterally extending portion is removably connected to the mid-portion.
6. (Original) The combination of claim 5 further comprising a pivot, wherein the laterally extending portion may rotate relative to said vertical plate portion about the pivot.
7. (Original) The combination of claim 6 further comprising a pin, wherein when the pin is installed, the laterally extending portion is restrained from rotation about said pivot.
8. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said cart rear sides have rear posts connected by a rear wall and said lock members comprise upwardly projecting portions of said rear posts which extend above said rear wall, and said track parts are longitudinally spaced along the side walls of said transportation vehicle at intervals to receive said post portions.
9. (Original) The combination of claim 8 wherein said first fittings comprise sockets in the upper ends of said post portions and said second fittings comprise lock pins connecting operably with said track parts for reception in said post part sockets.

10. (Original) The combination of claim 9 wherein said mid portions of the track parts have openings above said post portion sockets for receiving and passing said lock pins.

11. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein a clipboard is secured to the rear walls of said carts between said lock members.

12. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein the side walls of the transportation vehicle oppose one another, and the carts are located along the opposing side walls of the vehicle with an aisle separating the carts.

13 – 21 (Cancelled)

Remarks

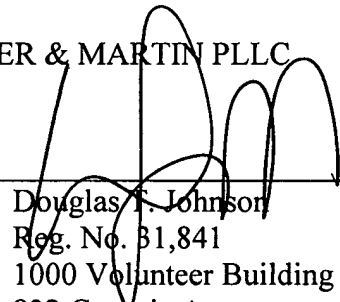
In the office action of May 13, 2005, claims 1-12 are stated to be allowable, and claims 13-16 and 18-21 are rejected under Sections 102 and 103. The applicant has now cancelled claims 13-16 and 18-21. The remaining claims 1-12 are all indicated to be allowable.

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the office action mailed May 13, 2005 and is believed to have placed claims 1 – 12 in proper form for allowance and such favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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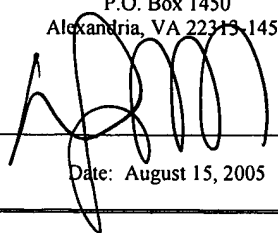
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